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Bulgaria

SUBJECT

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anchorage, pilot data, controls,  
berths & naval vessels present)

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2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are

referred to in this report by the following alphabetical designators:

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| A. Bar reported dredged out     | H. DE's berth               |
| B. Arriving anchorage           | I. Minelayers' berth        |
| C. Anchorage for lighting cargo | J. Submarines' berth        |
| D. Berth                        | K. Three MFV's berth        |
| E. Sunken hulk                  | L. Hammer Altek             |
| F. Large floating crane         | M. Shipyard                 |
| G. Passenger ship berth         | N. Soviet freighter's berth |
|                                 | O. Bulgarian ship's berth   |

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6. Harbor Craft At designator F [ ] was located a large floating crane of what appeared [ ] to be more than a 50-ton capacity. [ ] there were two gray, large, old steam tugs available.

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7. Berth [ ]

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Berth is described as being concrete base with dirt fill. Wooden fenders are spaced alongside the berth, minimizing damage to ships.

Further down the quay at the passenger ship berth, designator G, there were steam or diesel cranes. Portion of the transit shed directly opposite was empty. Two small transit sheds behind the main shed, however, were filled with grain sacks which were placed on pallets by the use of small portable belt elevators.

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Beyond crook in this pier was the naval base where the naval ships were located;

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boxcars were plentiful in subject port and they were shunted back and forth by steam engines. In the crook of the pier are located a foundry and a machine shop and toward the root of the pier were located open stockpiles of aluminum ingots. Stevedores' shifts were eight hours per day. Some female crane operators were observed. Their proficiency is rated "poor."

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8. Naval Vessels Present [ ]

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9. Shipbuilding and Repair [ ] in area designated M three four-five thousand gross ton general cargo type ships are being built. [ ] these ships have proceeded "pretty far"; that they have red lead paint on their hulls and work is proceeding on their superstructures. 25X1
10. Merchant Shipping Present At designator N a three-four thousand gross ton Soviet ship was berthed; [ ] At designator O [ ] was located a Bulgarian ship which was taking grain cargo out of port. 25X1
11. Shore Activities and Miscellaneous Matters of Possible Interest
- a. [ ] the place is now called Varna again, instead of Stalin, as formerly. [ ] the beach areas were full and the people were well-dressed and apparently happy. [ ] compares it adversely to Novorossiysk in that Varna has better hotels and better food. 25X1
- b. [ ] 25X1
- [ ] there was a great deal of gunfire - heavy artillery as well as small arm type - in the hills behind Hamman Alteh, area designated L. This firing, [ ] was almost continuous. [ ] whale-boats with naval personnel were also putting in rather regularly along this area of the coast. 25X1
- /Comment [ ] 25X1
- [ ] New "DE" described [ ] in paragraph 8 may be the OTLICHNNY class DD recently given Bulgaria. 25X1
- [ ] The "New Type AM" [ ] has been redesignated the T-43 class MSF, of which Bulgaria has several. The submarines observed may have been M-IV's, inasmuch as the M-IV combines characteristics of the "SMCH 1" or "M-V" [ ] Ships reportedly being built at designator M are probably in Dimitrov Shipyard. 25X1
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